

3 men held after 80 mph police chase

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BERKELEY — Police have arrested three men who led them on an 80 mph chase Sunday night after commandeering a car at gunpoint.

Eric and Craig Warren, both 21 and from Pittsburgh, and Anthony Holmes, 20, of Oakland, were arrested for armed robbery and auto theft, according to Inspector Jim Gaebe.

Gaebe said the three men are also suspected of having terrorized drug-plagued Fairview Street earlier Sunday evening by driving down the 1400 block and shooting randomly from the back of a white Datsun.

No one was injured in the 8:45 p.m. drive-by shooting, one of more than a half-dozen in that South Berkeley neighborhood in about a year.

Police said the three men, armed with two handguns and possibly an Uzi, commandeered a Berkeley's man's 1973 Mercury Cougar at 11 p.m. when the man stopped at a gas station at San Pablo Avenue and Cedar Street.

Police chased the Cougar across University Avenue at 80 mph. The car was left at Seventh Street and Allston Way, and police caught one fleeing man after surrounding the area. The other two men were arrested yesterday morning.